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SUBJECT: CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS REF: STATE 235521, PRAGUE 2766

- 1. US PROPOSALS WERE CONVEYED INFORMALLY TO ZANTOVSKY DECEMBER 3. RESERVING FORMAL RESPONSE UNTIL AFTER PROPOSALS ARE PRESENTED AT NEGOTIATING SESSION, ZANTOVSKY COMMENTED BRIEFLY AND ALSO DISCUSSED LUMP-SUM LEVEL.
- 2. ON PAYMENT SCHEDULE, HE CONFINED HIMSELF TO RESTATEMENT OF CZECH DESIRE TO PAY AS QUICKLY AS DEVELOPMENT OF INCOME FROM TRADE JUSTIFIED. ON SURPLUS PROPERTY, HE COMPARED NEW PROPOSAL WITH BOTH CZECH POSITION(NO INTEREST) AND ORIGINAL US POSITION, AND CHARACTERIZED CHANGE AS HARDLY A CHANGE.
- 3. ZANTOVSKY RAISED QUESTION OF LUMP-SUM PAYMENT, SAYING THIS REMAINS CENTRAL ISSUE IN NEGOTIATIONS. IN COURSE OF COVERING MUCH FAMILIAR GROUND, HE SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE TO PAY \$19 MILLION, THAT US WOULD REGARD THIS AS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT MOVE OF POLITICAL NATURE, AND THAT US WOULD MEET THIS OFFER AND PERMIT SETTLEMENT.

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4. DCM, ALSO COVERING FAMILIAR GROUND, REMINDED ZANTOVSKY OF US REQUIREMENTS ON LUMP-SUM LEVEL. ZANTOVSKY SAID HE WOULD SHORTLY SCHEDULE DELEGATION MEETING FOR PRESENTATION OF US PROPOSAL AND CZECH REACTIONS. SHERER	
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